

Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties

Addendum

MIHP Number: B-3576

Property Name: Stephen Grove House
Property Address: 106 N. Greene St., Baltimore, MD 21201

Based on a site visit conducted on December 29, 2005 by John Milner Associates, on behalf of Maryland Mass Transit Administration (MTA), this property is no longer extant.

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c1820 - 1830

STEPHEN GROVE HOUSE
Baltimore
semi-public

The Stephen Grove house, located on the west side of North Greene Street between Fayette Street and Lexington Avenue is a three-story tall, three-bay wide, gable-roofed structure, constructed of brick laid in common bond. At basement level it features a sallyport which runs westward between this dwelling and its neighbor immediately to the south, 104 N. Greene (the Alfred H. Reip house).

The northernmost, arched entrance bay is distinguished by an architraved surround and flanking pilasters and is approached by two marble steps. Windows are characterized by 2/2 replacement sash but retain their original architrave surrounds, flat-arched brick lintels and projecting, dressed stone sills. A multi-molded boxed cornice features a wide frieze punctuated by three symmetrically placed attic windows below which an additional series of bead moldings across the length of the frieze and a narrow brick stringcourse across the entire facade.

The interior retains much of its original detailing in a hall/double parlor plan where the parlors are unconnected in the stairhall. Fluted pilasters support a paneled elliptical archway also elaborated by a single row of wooden beads on each side. The third floor displays Greek Revival trim on the window and door surrounds (architrave surrounds joined to bulls eye corner blocks).

Stephen Grove, a Baltimore merchant, built a two story brick dwelling on this site in the 1820's and during the 1830's it was raised to three stories.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

The Stephen Grove House

AND/OR COMMON

106 North Greene Street**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

106 North Greene Street

CITY, TOWN

Baltimore

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

City**3 CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT
☒ BUILDING(S)
☐ STRUCTURE
☐ SITE
☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☒ PUBLIC
☐ PRIVATE
☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS
☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED
☐ UNOCCUPIED
☐ WORK IN PROGRESS
ACCESSIBLE
☒ YES: RESTRICTED
☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED
☐ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE ☐ MUSEUM
☐ COMMERCIAL ☐ PARK
☐ EDUCATIONAL ☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE
☐ ENTERTAINMENT ☐ RELIGIOUS
☐ GOVERNMENT ☐ SCIENTIFIC
☐ INDUSTRIAL ☐ TRANSPORTATION
☐ MILITARY ☒ OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

State of Maryland for use byTelephone #: 853-3683

STREET & NUMBER

University of Maryland

CITY, TOWN

Office of University Planning, University of Maryland

STATE, zip code

College Park

VICINITY OF

Maryland 20742**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.Baltimore City Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

Calvert and Fayette Streets

CITY, TOWN

Baltimore

STATE

Maryland**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

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| CONDITION | | CHECK ONE | CHECK ONE |
|--|---------------------------------------|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT | <input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED | <input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE |
| <input type="checkbox"/> GOOD | <input type="checkbox"/> RUINS | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED | <input type="checkbox"/> MOVED |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FAIR | <input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED | | DATE _____ |

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Stephen Grove House (106 N. Greene Street) located on the west side of North Greene Street between Fayette Street and Lexington Avenue is a three-story tall, three-bay wide, gable-roofed structure, constructed of brick laid in common bond.

The basement level which rises about two feet above street grade is characterized by small square windows in the southern and central bays. The sally port, three feet in width, runs westward between this dwelling and the structure immediately to the south (104 N. Greene Street) at this basement level.

Two marble steps lead to a recessed first story main entrance which is found in the northern bay. The replacement commercial glass door is surmounted by a semicircular wooden transom outlined by a single row of brick voussoirs. The recessed vestibule area is sheathed in wood. Windows with 2/2 replacement sash are located in the southern and central bays of the first story. These windows are distinguished by an architraved surround, flat-arched brick lintels and projecting dressed stone sills.

The second story is characterized by windows with 2/2 replacement sash in the corresponding three openings. Again architrave surround, flat-arched brick lintels and projecting dressed stone sills define the window openings.

The third story yields a similar fenestration with the three 2/2 replacement shed windows being slightly smaller.

Below a multi-molded boxed cornice of various layers of fascia boards and bead trim is a wide frieze which has been punctuated by three symmetrically placed attic windows. Below these windows runs an additional series of bead moldings across the entire length of the wooden frieze. Between the bottom of the frieze and the top of the flat-arched lintels of the third story windows is a narrow brick string course.

A double end brick chimney rises above the south gable.

INTERIOR:

The basement of the Stephen Grove dwelling has received only

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| PERIOD | | AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW | | | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC | <input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING | <input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE | <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499 | <input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC | <input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION | <input type="checkbox"/> LAW | <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE | |
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| | | <input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION | | | |

Local History

SPECIFIC DATES 1820s; 1830s addition BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The dwelling located at 106 North Greene street was part of a four-acre parcel of a tract of land called "Chatsworth" purchased in 1801 by David Forney from Daniel Lamont¹. The 1810 and 1822-23 Baltimore City Directories list David Forney as a "merchant" and "gentleman" residing at the northwest corner of Greene and Fayette Streets. When he died in the 1820s (WB12/357) his will instructed Louisa, his wife, to sell at her discretion all his vacant lots.

Land Records research suggests that this dwelling located at 106 N. Greene Street was built by Stephen Grove. On or about June 1, 1809 Forney sold Grove a "vacant and unimproved" parcel of ground whose metres and bounds correspond with the 26' x 100' lot known as 106 North Greene². The 1814-15 Baltimore City Directory lists Stephen Grove as a "merchant" whose office was located at 254 Baltimore Street and whose residence was on Greene Street north of Baltimore Street extended in the western precinct. By 1824, however, Sarah Grove, his wife, is listed as a widow dwelling on the west side of Greene Street north of Fayette. According to land records, Grove had "built at his own expense a two-story brick dwelling and made other improvements" before his death and the death of David Forney².

By 1840 the house had been raised a full story, becoming a three-story brick house³.

In the latter part of the 19th century the house was owned by David Hammersley, a confectioner and ice cream manufacturer residing at 108 North Greene Street⁴.

Currently this structure and its neighbor to the immediate south (104 N. Greene Street) operate a half-way house and counseling center for drug abuse.

Architecturally, this building is significant because it was probably the second residence to be constructed on David Forney's four-acre parcel. (His, which was replaced by a late 19th century/early 20th century warehouse, was the first). In contrast to the other buildings on the west side of N. Greene Street, the Stephen Grove house retains a surprising amount of interior detail. This is especially true in the stairhall on the third floor.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Bridget M. Deale, Historic Sites Surveyor

ORGANIZATION

Maryland Historical Trust

DATE

STREET & NUMBER

21 State Circle

TELEPHONE

269-2438

CITY OR TOWN

Annapolis

STATE

Maryland

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

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The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
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Description--The Stephen Grove House cont.
106 N. Greene Street

slight modifications over the years. The original section is divided into three rooms running east to west. The easternmost room (that which fronts North Greene) shows an expansive semicircular brick chimney support which has been bricked in. An 8" thick brick partition wall extending from the south gable wall separates the front space from the middle section. This wall is characterized by a brick archway outlined with a soldier course. This room has been partially enclosed by a cinder block wall to accommodate the building's heating unit. The westernmost area has been similarly enclosed by a masonite wall to function as a storage area. Access from the first floor to the basement is located in this section along the north gable wall. A small closet is found below these stairs. Two modern additions, also of brick construction, are found to the west.

The first floor, although modified, still retains some of its original detailing. In the entrance-way fluted pilasters about 6'7" in height grace both hall walls. Also visible is an elliptical archway set off by a row of wooden beads. The main single-run open string stairway, located along the north gable way is distinguished by a slightly tapered newel post (probably 1860's) and round, machine-cut balusters. Brackets decorate the step ends of the stairway and a paneled area with vertical insets defines the space below the stairs.

Although little distinguishes the second floor, the third floor displays Greek Revival trim around the window and doors consisting of architrave surrounds joined by bulls-eye corner blocks. Court House Records indicate that this floor was added in the late 1830's thus explaining the Greek Revival change in interior trim.

CHAIN OF TITLE

106 North Greene Street
4-7-616-32

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| RHB 3445-657 2/22/1977 Deed | From Max, Ruth J. Schott to the State of Maryland, University of Maryland |
| MLP 1022-446 9/7/1956 Deed | From Robert H. Rathvon, et al to Max, Ruth J. Schott |
| MLP 9698/45 1/27/1955 Deed | From Robert Rathvon, Patrick Brennan to Robert Rathvon |
| MLP 9644/536 11/26/1954 Deed | From Edwin L. Burr, John R. Munroe to Robert Rathvon, Patrick Brenna |
| MLP 6108/520 12/10/1940 Deed | From H.O.L.C. to Edwin L. Burr, John R. Monroe |
| 6010/161 2/8/1940 Deed | From Grace M. Holt to H.O.L.C. |
| SCL5593/501 1/7/1936 Deed | From Catherine E. Hart to Grace M. Holt |
| SCL 3802/348 11/25/1921 | <p>From George W. Cameron, George E. Robinson, Trustees to Catherine E. Hart, by degree of Circuit Court # 2 of Baltimore City 6/9/1921 between Daniel McDougal Jr. et al complainants and Catherine M. Brenner et al, defendants. The above named were appointed trustees to sell the real estate and did on 9/20/1921, to Catherine Hart for the sum of \$9150, known as 106 North Greene Street.</p> <p>"Beginning on the West side of Greene Street at a distance of 78' South from a stone planted at the East end of the division line of Daniel Lamont's and David Forney's land on the West side of Greene Street and running West paralleling with the division aforesaid 100' to an alley 10' then South binding on the said alley 26', then East paralleling with said division 100' to Greene Street, then North binding on the West side of Greene Street 25' to the place of beginning, together with the lot adjoining on the South and subject to the use of the South Gable End Wall of the house erected on the lot above described by the lot of ground and</p> |

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106 North Greene Street

joining on the South as set forth in a deed TK 265/461 and TK 278/326"

SCL 3462/97
10/10/1919
Deed

From Thomas Foley Hiskey and Julius H. Wyman, Trustees to Daniel McDougal by decree of Circuit Court # 2 of Baltimore City 7/16/1919 (Docket 27A/48) between Elizabeth Bell, plaintiffs, and William Hammersley defendant. The trustees were appointed to sell the property and did for \$5200 to Daniel McDougal.

RO 1714/145
1/4/ 1898

From David L. Hammersley and wife to Elizabeth B. Hammersley and heirs

Missing Gap in Chain of Title

TK 265/461
4/17/1838

From Louisa Forney, widow of David Forney to Sally Grove, widow of Stephen Grove. The said David Forney in his lifetime on or about 6/1/1809 did demise and to farm let to the said Stephen Grove a certain parcel of ground then vacant and unimproved situated near to, now in the City of Baltimore being part of a tract of land called "Chatsworth" and now designated as Lot 4 of said David Forney. Forney sold the property for \$1900 of which at the time of Forney's death Grove had paid \$600 and had built a two story brick dwelling. Forney conveyed to Grove all his interests in the said lot for the sum of \$600.

During their lifetimes, Forney and Grove laid out and left open for their use and benefit the adjoining lots 3 and 4 (#4 being the lot described above and # 3, the lot south of it.) An alley 3 1/2' wide taken from 1/2 of Forney's lot and 1/2 from Grove's lot running from Union back 34' with the privilege to Forney to build over said alley against south gable of said Grove's brick house above the first story.

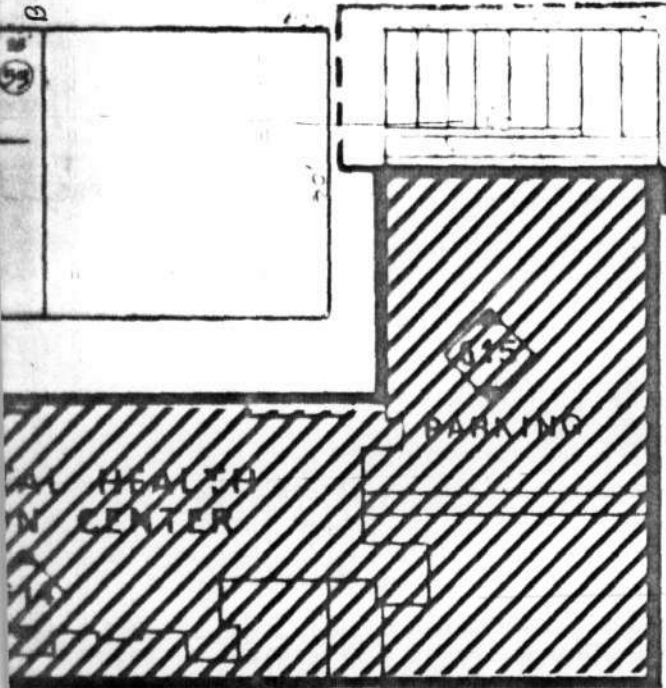
Upon Forney's death his wife, Louisa, sold to Sally Grove the alley rights to cover Forney's debts.

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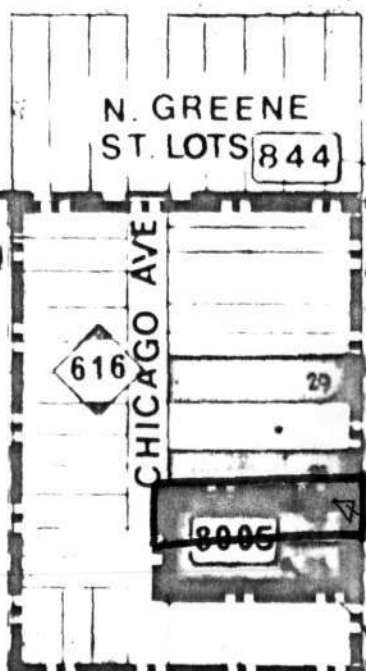
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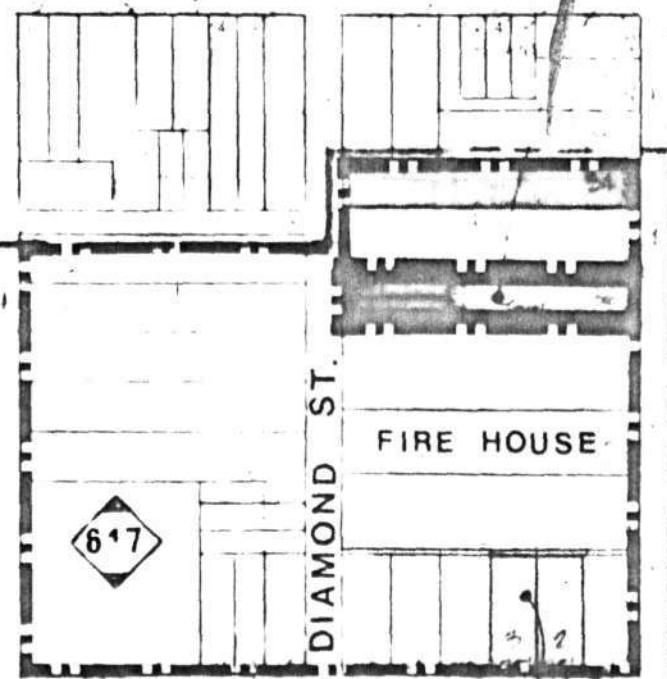
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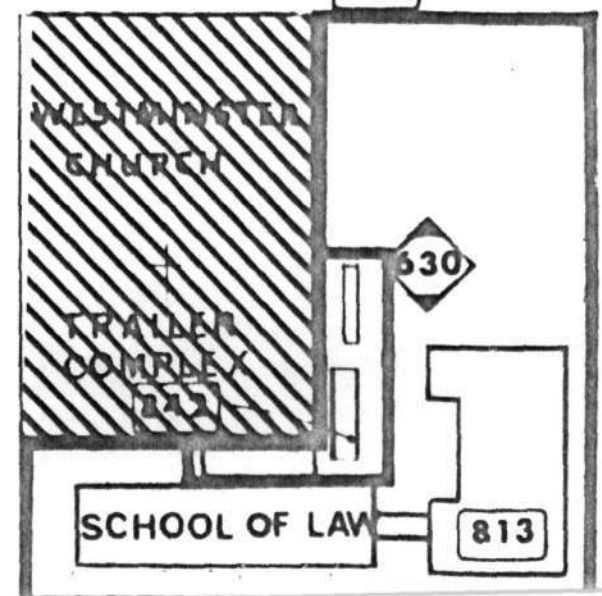
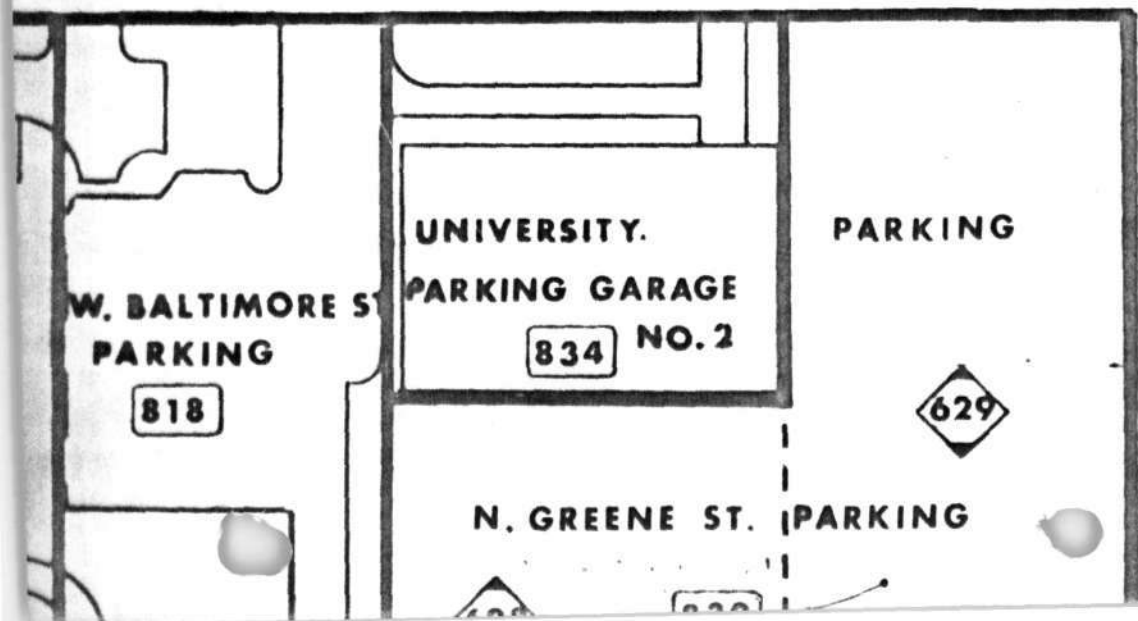


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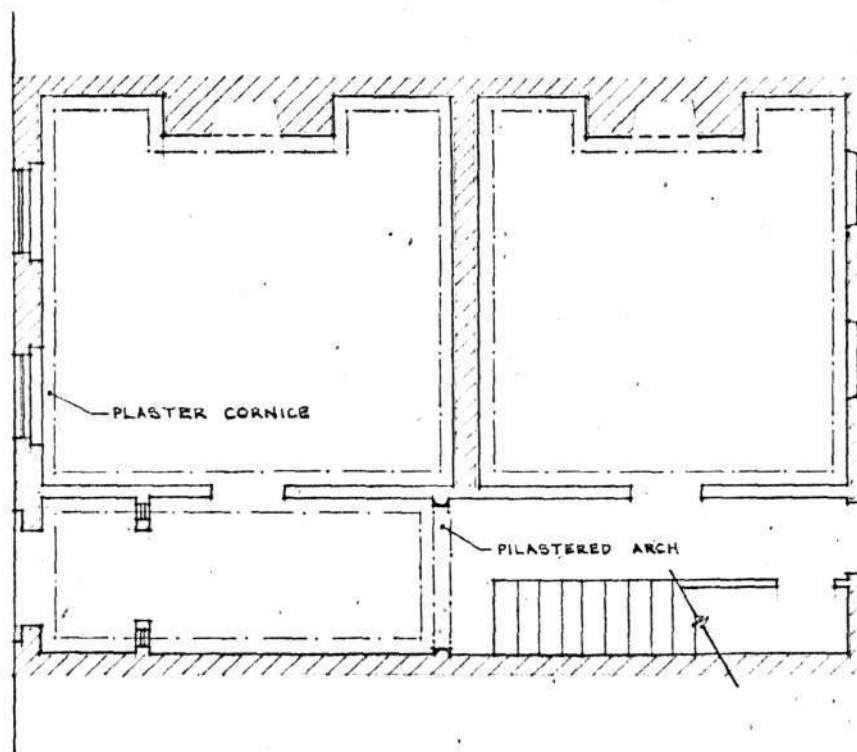
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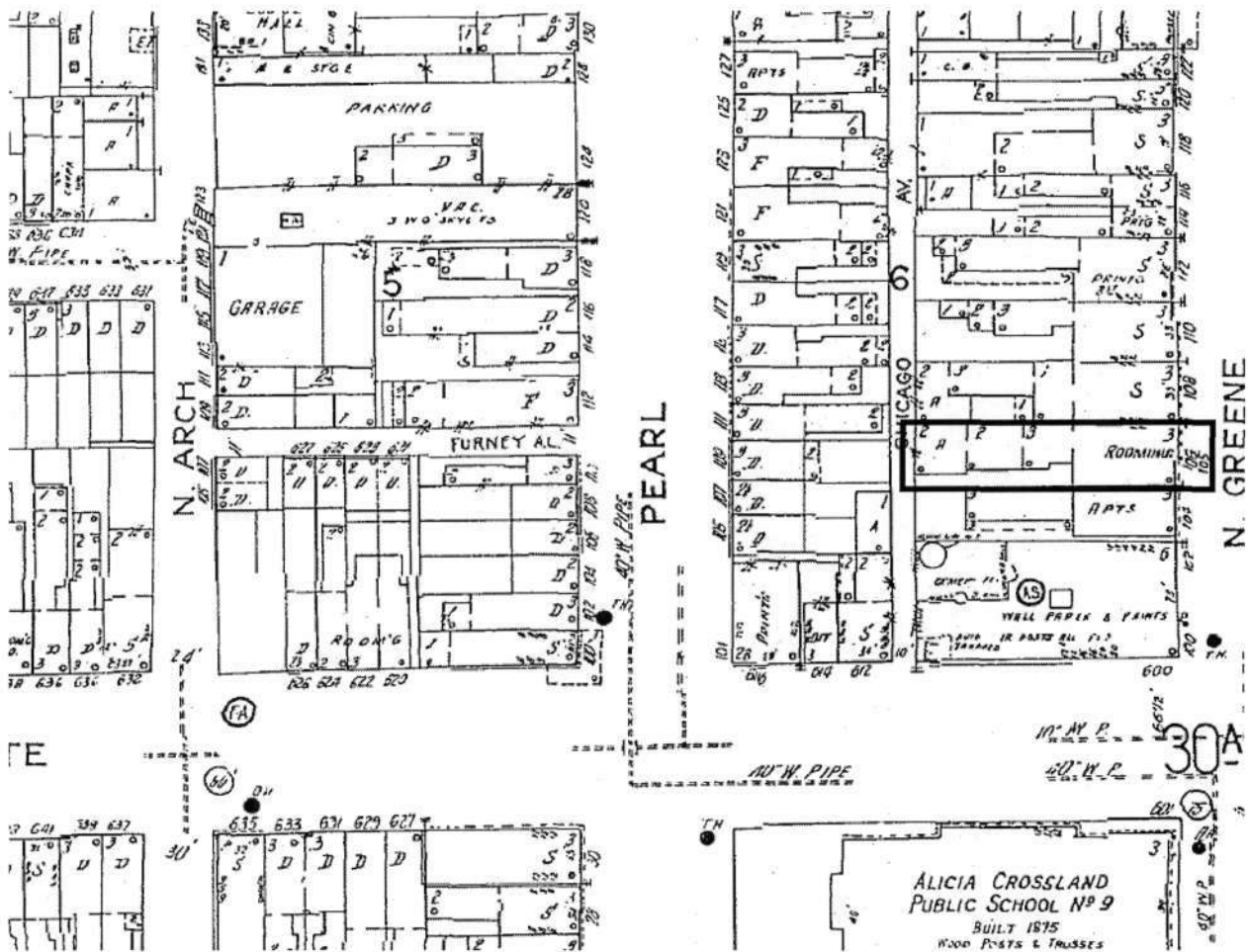


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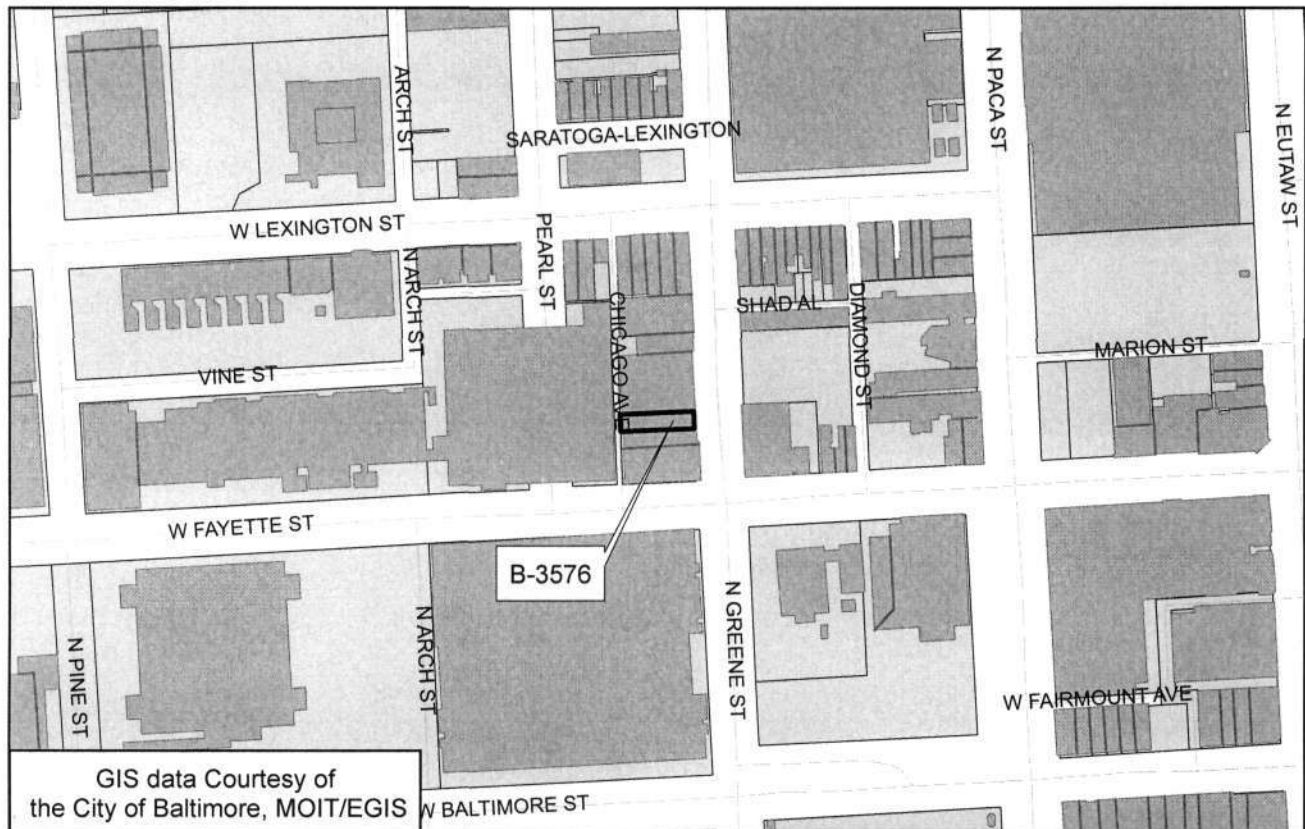
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 106 N. Greene Street
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106 N. Greene Street
Block 0616 Lot 029
Baltimore City
Baltimore East Quad

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106 NORTH GREENE STREET
BALTIMORE, MARYLAND

UMAB PHOTOGRAPHER - WILLIAM McALLEN

STREET FACADE (EAST)



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106 NORTH GREENE STREET

BALTIMORE, MARYLAND

UMAB PHOTOGRAPHER - WILLIAM M^cALLEN

Hallway, ARCH, AND STAIR; 1st FLOOR



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106 NORTH GREENE STREET
BALTIMORE, MARYLAND

UMAB PHOTOGRAPHER - WILLIAM McALLEN

STAIR SPINDLES AND SCHOTIA TRIM;

1st FLOOR



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BALTIMORE, MARYLAND

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HALLWAY DOOR ; 1st FLOOR



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GREEK REVIVAL TRIM AROUND
DOORS, 3RD FLOOR

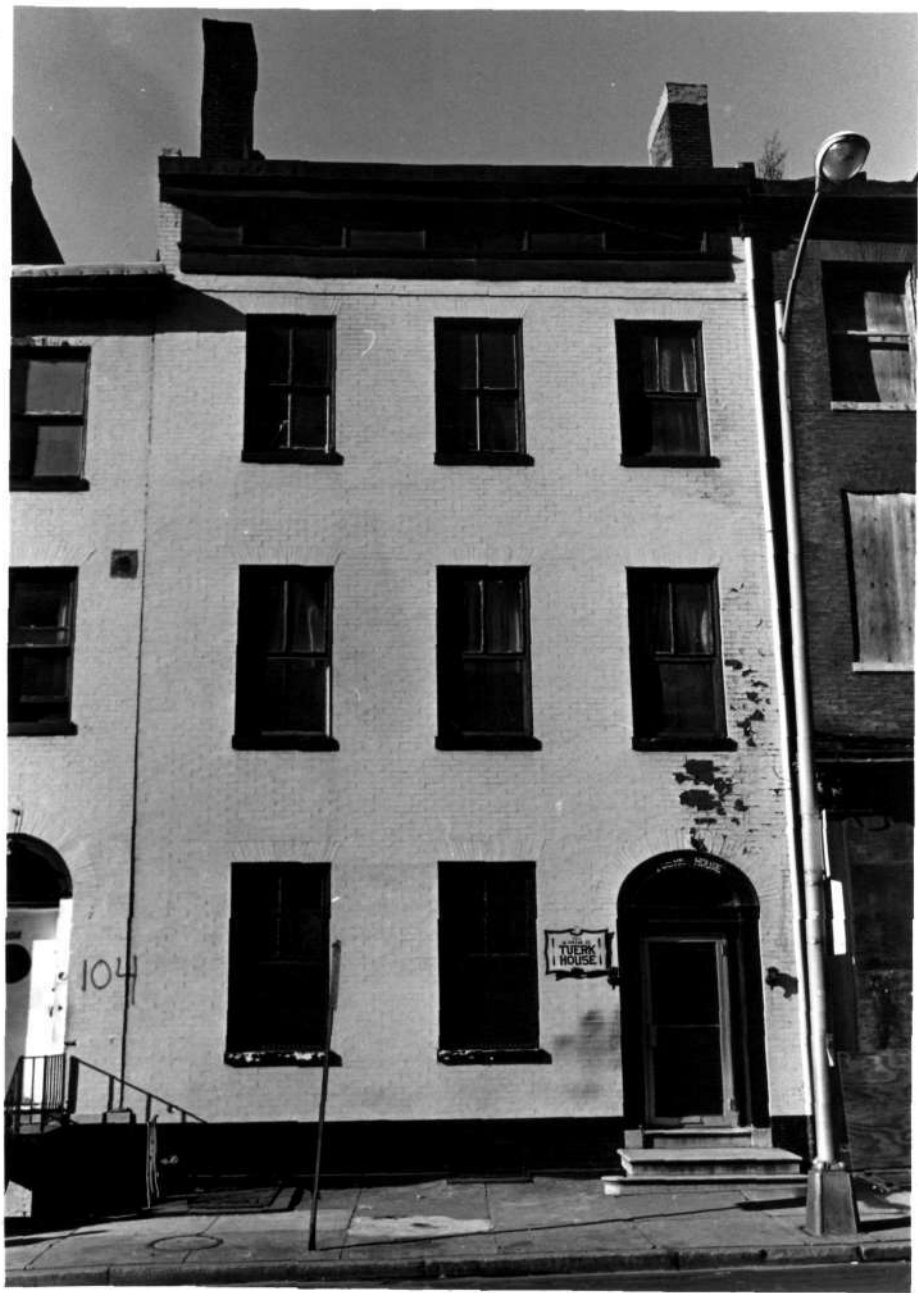


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106 NORTH GREENE STREET
BALTIMORE, MARYLAND

UMAB PHOTOGRAPHER - WILLIAM McALLEN

GREEK REVIVAL TRIM AROUND DOOR,
2ND FLOOR.



Stephen Grove house

106 North Greene Street., Balt., MD

c. 1820-30

East facade.

12/79 E. Coxe



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Stephen Grove house

106 N. Greene St., Baltimore, MD

c. 1820-30

East facade and east facade of 104

N. Greene (B-3575)

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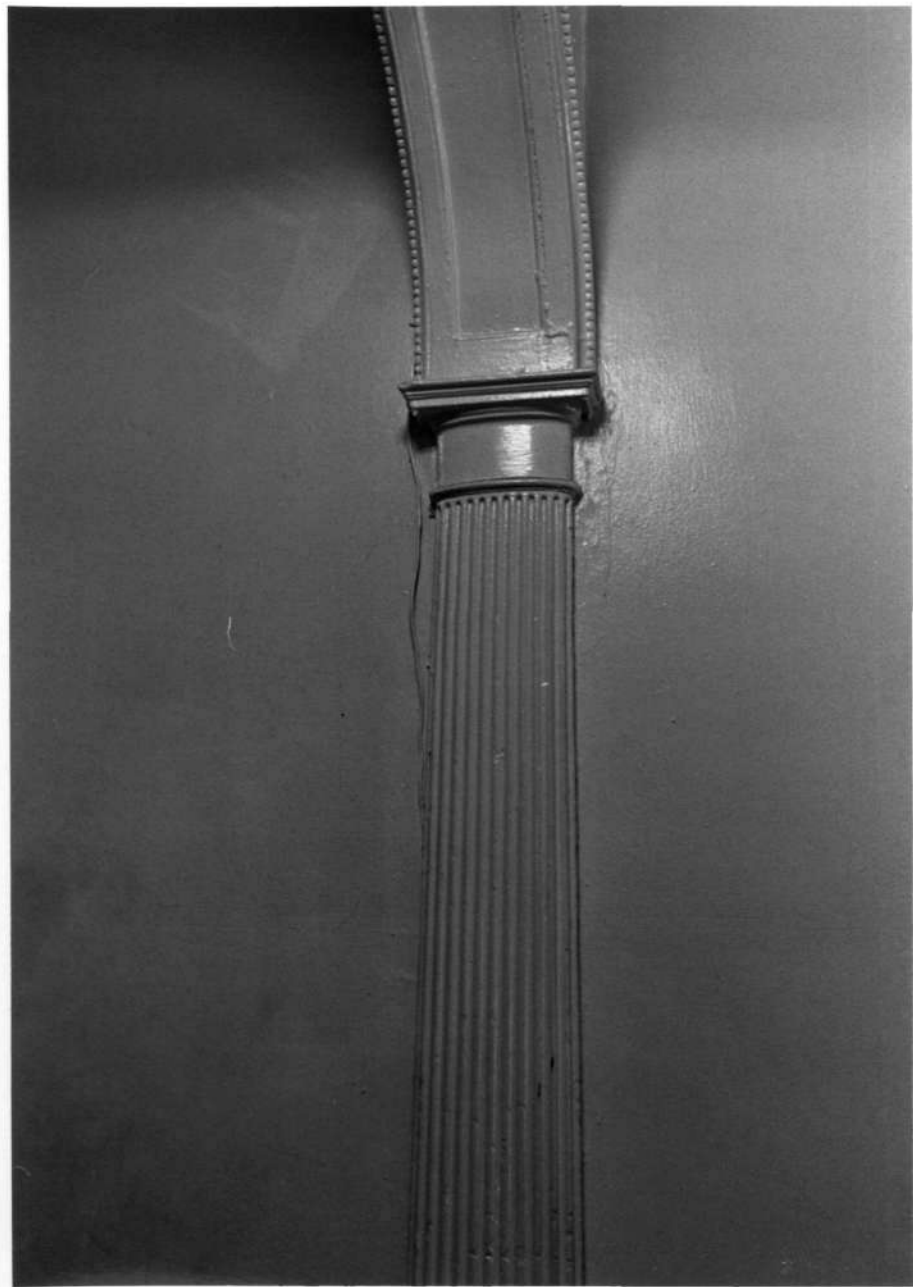
Stephen Grove house

106 N. Greene St., Baltimore, MD

c. 1820-30

Detail: east facade doorway.

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Stephen Grove house

106 N. Greene St., Baltimore, MD

c. 1820-30

Interior: detail of fluted pilaster
in first floor stairhall

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Stephen Grove house

106 N. Greene St., Baltimore, MD

c. 1820-30

Interior: detail of stairway

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Stephen Grove house

106 North Greene St., Baltimore, MD

c. 1820-30 *third*

Interior: ~~second~~ floor door surrounds.

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